



## COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CASTLEGAR

### Regular Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Council of the City of Castlegar held November 19, 2012, 7:00 p.m. in the Community Forum, 445 – 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Castlegar, B.C.

**MEMBERS  
PRESENT:**

Deputy Mayor Dan Rye  
Councillor Kevin Chernoff  
Councillor Russ Hearne  
Councillor Sue Heaton-Sherstobitoff  
Councillor Deb McIntosh  
Councillor Gordon Turner

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Mayor Lawrence Chernoff

**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, Deputy Mayor Rye called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

**AGENDA:  
480-12**

Moved and seconded,  
that the agenda be approved as amended by adding under  
"Reports: Cultural and Civic Pride, a verbal report by Councillor  
Turner. Carried.

**DELEGATIONS:  
- MS. JANE BIRD,  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE  
OFFICER, COLUMBIA  
POWER  
CORPORATION**

Ms. Jane Bird, President and Chief Executive Officer of Columbia Power Corporation, attended the meeting to present the Columbia Power Corporation's Proposed Strategic Plan 2012 – 2017 to Council. However, as Mayor Chernoff was unavoidably detained in Vancouver and unable to attend this evenings meeting, it was agreed that Ms. Bird would postpone her presentation to the December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2012 Regular Council meeting.

Ms. Bird advised Council that Columbia Power Corporation will be hosting public open houses in Castlegar and Trail in November and December. The Castlegar open house is scheduled for Wednesday, November 28, 2012 from 4:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. at the Community Complex. The Trail open house is scheduled for Monday, December 3, 2012 from 4:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. in the Trail Memorial Centre. Ms. Bird invited members of Council and the public to attend one of the public open house sessions where members of the Columbia Power team will be on hand to share information, answer questions and discuss ideas for future development.

Council thanked Ms. Bird for attending the meeting and will have Ms. Bird attend the December 3, 2012 Regular meeting to present the Columbia Power Corporation's Strategic Plan. Ms. Bird was excused from the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

- MR. DAN  
SAMMARTINO,  
PRESIDENT, MS.  
NETTA ZEBEROFF,  
CURATOR, KOOTENAY  
DOUKHOBOR  
HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Mr. Sammartino, President and Ms. Netta Zeberoff, Curator for the Kootenay Doukhobor Historical Society attended the meeting to update Council on the Society's activities over the past year.

Mr. Sammartino thanked Council for the opportunity to attend the meeting and for the City's on-going support of the Society and the Doukhobor Discovery Centre. Mr. Sammartino reported on:

- water system upgrades completed in 2012;
- the Society's current \$13,000 bank balance;
- the financial statements are currently being prepared;
- the "living museum" concept being explored by the Society;
- grants that were received in 2012 and projects that were undertaken including improvements to the PA system, upgrades to the Society's web-site and a grant for Interpretive Signage;
- 2,800 visitors attended the Centre in the 2012 season;
- the unveiling ceremony held to dedication two plaques commissioned by the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada commemorating Peter V. Verigin as a "Person of National Historical Significance" and the migration of the Doukhobors from Saskatchewan to BC between 1908-1913 as an "Event of National Historical Significance";
- the society's involvement with the "Kootenay Festival – Let's Celebrate!".

In response to questions by members of Council Ms. Zeberoff advised that the Society had attempted to find someone to operate the Bistro restaurant but was unsuccessful. The Society will continue to look for a suitable operator.

Mr. Sammartino confirmed that once the annual financial statements have been prepared a copy will be provided to the City.

Council thanked Mr. Sammartino and Ms. Zeberoff for their presentation and they were excused from the meeting at 7:26 p.m.

- COUNCILLOR  
MCINTOSH EXCUSED

Councillor McIntosh excused herself from the meeting at 7:26 p.m. declaring a conflict of interest with regard to the next agenda item, as she is an employee of the Castlegar and District Heritage Society. Carried.

- MR. CHRIS D'ARCY,  
CASTLEGAR AND  
DISTRICT HERITAGE  
SOCIETY

Mr. Chris D'Arcy, President of the Castlegar & District Heritage Society attended the meeting to update Council on the Society's activities over the past year and to provide a copy of the Society's year end financial statements for 2011.

Mr. D'Arcy reported that the 2012 season was slower than usual for the Heritage Society. It was noted that the flooding that occurred during the summer had closed Zuckerberg Island for several weeks. While there was regular attendance by visitors at the Station Museum it was slower than previous years. Mr. D'Arcy advised that in late September the Society made the decision to not keep regular hours for the last quarter of 2012 in order to ensure that sufficient funds remain available for operating costs. The Society will however, open the Island or the Museum by appointment for tours, etc.

Mr. D'Arcy noted that the Society has no immediate need for any capital work in the foreseeable future, however, the installation of a regular phone line to Zuckerberg Island would be appreciated as it is important for the Island's alarm system to operate properly.

Mr. D'Arcy thanked the volunteers who organize the Saturday Farmer's Markets, weed the gardens at the museum and maintain the trails on Zuckerberg Island, collect garbage on the Island and help with fund-raising events such as the Canada Day Breakfast.

Mr. D'Arcy noted that the Society's Annual General Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 29, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the Station Museum.

In response to a question by Council Mr. D'Arcy noted that the purchase and installation of bear-proof containers at Zuckerberg Island would be useful. As well, trash racks on the culverts would be appreciated. It was noted that there is some cracking in the exterior stucco on the second floor of the Station Museum and the building appears to be structurally solid.

Council thanked Mr. D'Arcy for his presentation and he was excused from the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

Councillor McIntosh returned to the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

**MINUTES:**

481-12  
- REGULAR MEETING  
- NOVEMBER 5, 2012

Moved and seconded,  
that the minutes of the regular meeting held November 5, 2012, be approved as presented. Carried.

**REPORTS:  
AIRPORT:**

Nil

**COMMUNITY  
WELLNESS & SOCIAL  
SERVICES:**

482-12  
- MINUTES

Moved and seconded,  
that the draft minutes of the Community Wellness and Social Services Committee meeting held November 14, 2012, be received for information. Carried.

483-12  
- YOUTH  
ENGAGEMENT  
(#12-202)

Moved and seconded,  
that in April and November of each year, City Council commits to meeting with the Stanley Humphries Secondary School Leadership class in order to encourage and promote two-way communication on issues of importance to youth in our community. Carried.

**CULTURAL AND CIVIC  
PRIDE:**

484-12  
- VERBAL REPORT

Moved and seconded,  
that Councillor Turner's verbal report regarding his attendance at various cultural events, including:

- the Chamber of Commerce Business after Business event;
- the Sculpturewalk Gala;
- the announcement by Minister Lynn Yelich, Minister of State for Western Economic Diversification, of grant funding for the Castlegar Library;
- the November 11<sup>th</sup> Remembrance Day Service;
- the Kootenay Gallery "100 Mile Artists" event; and
- the Kootenay Gallery Christmas Season Opening Reception,

be received for information. Carried.

**FINANCE AND  
CORPORATE  
SERVICES:**

485-12  
- MINUTES

Moved and seconded,  
that the draft minutes of the Finance and Corporate Services Committee meeting held November 13, 2012, be received for information. Carried.

486-12  
- ACCOUNTS PAYABLE  
- SEPTEMBER, 2012

Moved and seconded,  
that the list of accounts payable for September, 2012 totaling  
\$1,024,605.88, covered by cheque numbers 54797 to 54991  
inclusive, be received for information and recorded in the minutes.  
Carried.

487-12  
- ACCOUNTS PAYABLE  
- OCTOBER, 2012

Moved and seconded,  
that the list of accounts payable for October, 2012 totaling  
\$1,401,510.30, covered by cheque numbers 54992 to 55170  
inclusive, be received for information and recorded in the minutes.  
Carried.

488-12  
- ANIMAL CONTROL  
AND LICENSING  
RATES (#12-201)

Moved and seconded,  
that Council consider giving three readings to the Animal Control  
and Licensing Amendment Bylaw 1169.  
Carried.

**GREEN:**

Nil

**PLANNING AND  
DEVELOPMENT:**

489-12  
- MINUTES

Moved and seconded,  
that the draft minutes of the Planning and Development Committee  
meeting held November 14, 2012, be received for information.  
Carried.

490-12  
- BUILDING PERMIT  
REPORT  
- OCTOBER, 2012  
(#12-194)

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

491-12  
- BUSINESS LICENCE  
REPORT  
- OCTOBER, 2012  
(#12-195)

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

**PUBLIC SAFETY:**

492-12  
- MINUTES

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

493-12  
- EMERGENCY  
SERVICES MONTHLY  
REPORT  
- OCTOBER, 2012  
(#12-203)

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

**TRANSPORTATION  
AND CIVIC WORKS:**

494-12  
- MINUTES

Moved and seconded,  
that the draft minutes of the Transportation and Civic Works  
Committee meeting held November 14, 2012, be received for  
information.  
Carried.

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

Nil

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

495-12

Moved and seconded,  
that the correspondence from Columbia Power Corporation regarding the Proposed Strategic Plan 2012-2017 – Consultation and the Ministry of Children and Family Development regarding Adoption Awareness Month in British Columbia – November, 2012, be received for information. Carried.

**REPORTS OTHER:**

Nil

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

496-12

- DEVELOPMENT OF A  
NEW LONG-TERM  
FEDERAL PLAN FOR  
MUNICIPAL  
INFRASTRUCTURE  
FUNDING

Moved and seconded,  
WHEREAS, the Building Canada Plan and a number of important federal-provincial transfer agreements vital to Canada's cities and communities, will expire in March 2014;

WHEREAS, Federal investments over the last few years have helped to slow the decline of our cities and communities, and the Government of Canada has committed to develop a new long-term plan for municipal infrastructure funding in consultation with municipal and provincial/territorial governments;

WHEREAS, a seamless transition from the Building Canada Plan to a new long term plan is necessary to ensure that municipalities can continue planning their capital spending effectively;

WHEREAS, The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) has launched a campaign to ensure the new plan reflects municipal priorities across the country and asks its member municipalities to pass a Council resolution supporting the campaign;

AND WHEREAS, our community has continuing infrastructure needs, such as construction of a water filtration plant, major road resurfacing program and a complete upgrade of our North Sewer Lagoon, that can only be met through the kind of long-term planning and investment made possible by a national plan;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council endorses the FCM campaign and urges the Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities to work with FCM to ensure the new long-term infrastructure plan meets the core infrastructure needs of cities and communities;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council urges the Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities to ensure that the new long-term plan is fully in place when existing programs expire in 2014; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities, to the provincial Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development, to Mr. Alex Atamanenko, MP, to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities. Carried.

**NEW & UNFINISHED  
BUSINESS:**

Nil

**BYLAWS:**

497-12

- BYLAW 1169  
- 1<sup>ST</sup> READING

Moved and seconded,  
that Bylaw 1169, Animal Control and Licensing Amendment Bylaw, be read a first time by title. Carried.

498-12  
- BYLAW 1169  
- 2<sup>ND</sup> READING

Moved and seconded,  
that Bylaw 1169, Animal Control and Licensing Amendment Bylaw,  
be read a second time by content. Carried.

499-12  
- 3<sup>RD</sup> READING

Moved and seconded,  
that Bylaw 1169, Animal Control and Licensing Amendment Bylaw,  
be read a third time. Carried.

**NEXT MEETING:** Regular Meeting, December 3, 2012, 7:00 p.m. at the Community Forum, 445-13<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Castlegar, B.C.

**NOTICE OF MOTION:** Nil

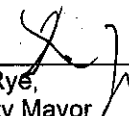
**QUESTION PERIOD:** A member of the public asked if the City would be facing a similar situation this Christmas holiday as occurred last year with the BC Ambulance Service coverage and the emergency room closure. Council advised that discussions have taken place with the BCAS and the City has been assured that coverage will be provided.

**ADJOURNMENT:**  
500-12

Moved and seconded,  
that the meeting adjourn at 8:07 p.m. Carried.

**CERTIFIED CORRECT:**

  
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Carolyn Rempel,  
Director of Corporate Services

  
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Dan Rye,  
Deputy Mayor