



COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CASTLEGAR

Regular Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Council of the City of Castlegar held October 20, 2014, 7:00 p.m. in the Community Forum, 445 – 13th Avenue, Castlegar, B.C.

MEMBERS

PRESENT:

Mayor Lawrence Chernoff
Councillor Kevin Chernoff
Councillor Deb McIntosh
Councillor Sue Heaton-Sherstobitoff
Councillor Dan Rye
Councillor Gordon Turner
Councillor Florio Vassilakakis

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Nil

ALSO PRESENT:

John Malcolm, Chief Administrative Officer
Andre Buss, Director of Finance
Garry Sauer, Operations Manager
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 7:00 p.m.

AGENDA:

386-14

Moved and seconded,
that the agenda be approved as presented.

Carried.

DELEGATIONS:

MS. HEATHER
ANDERSON, CASTLEGAR
AQUANAUTS RE: THANK
YOU FOR THE TRAVEL
GRANT

Ms. Heather Anderson of the Castlegar Aquanauts presented with a delegation including five award winning swimmers between the ages of ten and thirteen to thank Council for the travel grant they received to attend provincials in Kamloops in August. Ms. Anderson explained that the Aquanauts have consistently come out on top at all the swim meets this year where they compete against seven other towns in the region. The swimmers presented Mayor and Council with a gift picture of the entire team. Council thanked the Aquanauts for their dedication and congratulated them on their success this season.

MS. VAL FIELD,
KOOTENAY GALLERY OF
ART HISTORY AND
SCIENCE RE: ANNUAL
REPORT

Ms. Audrey Maxwell-Polovnikoff, Board Chair of the Kootenay Gallery of Art, History and Science Society was joined by the Society's Chair of Finance Beth Hickey and the Executive Director Val Field and presented an annual report on the Society's activities and upcoming plans. A copy of the Society's unaudited financial statements of March 31, 2014 was distributed to Council. Ms. Maxwell-Polovnikoff described the funding sources of the Society which include the BC Arts Council, CBT, TD Bank, and the City among others.

MS. VAL FIELD,
KOOTENAY GALLERY OF
ART HISTORY AND
SCIENCE RE: ANNUAL
REPORT
(CON'T)

She reported on the September 3rd, 2014 Annual General Meeting and thanked staff as well as their dedicated board of volunteers for their success and collaboration. The Society's activities include being part of the organizing of the Kootenay Festival as well as the arts and crafts Christmas exhibition which begins on November 14, 2014. The Society is making plans for a new facility in a new location such as downtown Castlegar. Council thanked the delegation for their report and for their valuable contribution to arts and culture in the community.

MS. YURI KUTSCHERA
AND STUDENT
DELEGATION RE:
EMBETSU TRIP REPORT
AND PRESENTATION

Ms. Yuri Kutschera, organizer of the Embetsu student trip was joined by this year's Castlegar delegation of eight students who each delivered presentations of gratitude to Council and shared what they appreciated most about their participation in this year's trip to Castlegar's sister city. Trip organizers Maria Burton and Curt Kutschera also thanked all who made this trip possible for their continued support for the exchange program. Council was reminded that a student delegation from Embetsu will be visiting the City of Castlegar in August 2015. The delegation presented a gift to Council from the Town of Embetsu to the City of Castlegar of hand-crafted traditional chop sticks in a wooden box. Council thanked the delegation for their reports and participation in the Embetsu trip and expressed their appreciation to the organizers for their dedication to the City's on-going relationship with Embetsu.

MINUTES:

387-14
PUBLIC HEARING
OCTOBER 6, 2014
MINUTES

Moved and seconded,
that the minutes of the public hearing held October 6,
2014, be approved as presented.

Carried.

388-14
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 6, 2014
MINUTES

Moved and seconded,
that the minutes of the regular meeting held October 6,
2014, be approved as presented.

Carried.

REPORTS:

AIRPORT:

Nil

**COMMUNITY WELLNESS
& SOCIAL SERVICES:
CULTURAL AND CIVIC
PRIDE:**

Nil

389-14
MINUTES

Moved and seconded,
that the draft minutes of the Cultural and Civic Pride
Committee meeting held October 14, 2014, be received for
information.

Carried.

Council discussed the suggestion made at the October 14th, 2014 Cultural and Civic Pride Committee meeting that the Library Board should be moved to this committee from the Community Wellness & Social Services Committee. Councillor Turner felt that library services were more appropriately classified as cultural rather than as social services. Council took this recommendation under advisement.

**FINANCE AND
CORPORATE SERVICES:**

390-14
MINUTES

Moved and seconded,
that the draft minutes of the Finance and Corporate Service committee meeting held on Wednesday, October 15, 2014 be received for information

Carried.

391-14
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE -
SEPTEMBER, 2014

Moved and seconded,
that the list of accounts payable for September, 2014 totaling \$ 1,206,478.50, covered by cheque numbers 60076 to 60246 inclusive, be received for information and recorded in the minutes.

Carried.

392-14
ACCOMMODATION TAX
REQUEST AMENDMENT
BYLAW 1205 (#14-153)

Moved and seconded,
that Council amend the tax imposition date of the City of Castlegar's Accommodation Tax from October 1, 2014 to January 1, 2015 as per the approval of the Ministry of Finance,

that Council give three readings to the Accommodation Tax Request Amendment Bylaw 1205.

Carried.

Council commended the hard work of the Chamber of Commerce in securing the support of accommodators for this tax to boost tourism in the City of Castlegar.

GREEN:

Nil

**PLANNING AND
DEVELOPMENT:**

393-14
MINUTES

Moved and seconded,
that the draft minutes of the Planning and Development Committee meeting held October 15, 2014, be received for information.

Carried.

394-14
BUSINESS LICENSE
REPORT - SEPT 2014
(#14-148)

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

Carried.

395-14
BUILDING PERMIT
REPORT - SEPT, 2014
(#14-151)

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

Carried.

DEVELOPMENT
VARIANCE PERMIT
RESOLUTION DV 2/14 -
101 18TH STREET
(#14-145)

Mayor Chernoff asked that any members of the public in attendance who wish to comment on the proposed issuance of Development Variance Permit DV-2/14 to vary the frontage provision in table 3.3.3 (a) of Zoning Bylaw 800 from 24.0 meters to approximately 18.2 meters in order to permit a duplex to be constructed at 101 18th Street., please come forward at this time to present their views to Council.

Mayor Chernoff called three times for members of the public to come forward with their comments regarding the proposed permit.

No comments were received.

396-14
DEVELOPMENT
VARIANCE PERMIT
RESOLUTION DV 2/14 -
101 18TH STREET
(#14-145)

Moved and seconded,
that City Council issue Development Variance Permit DV-2/14 to vary the frontage provision in table 3.3.3 (a) of Zoning Bylaw 800 from 24.0 meters to approximately 18.2 meters in order to permit a duplex to be constructed at 101 18th Street.

Carried.

397-14
RADON GAS RESEARCH
PROJECT UPDATE
(#14-152)

Moved and seconded,
that the update report on the Radon Research Project comparison of Three Radon Systems in British Columbia Homes be received for information.

Carried.

398-14
DEVELOPMENT PERMIT
APPLICATION DP 2/14 -
2311 COLUMBIA AVENUE
(#14-154)

Moved and seconded,
that, subject to the following conditions, the Mayor and Director of Corporate Services be authorized to issue Development Permit DP-2/14 to allow the construction of a new oil change facility at 2311 Columbia Avenue (Lot A, District Lot 7174 Kootenay District Plan 22892) with 10 parking spaces, rather than 12 spaces as required by Zoning Bylaw 800:

1. The development will substantially conform to the following documents submitted by PMC Development Corporation Inc.:
 - I. S-1-Site Plan, dated August 20, 2014.
 - II. Proposed Great Canadian Oil Change and Signage, dated August 8, 2014.
 - III. Great Canadian Oil Change Landscape Plan, dated August 25, 2014.
 - IV. Plant List and Estimated Cost Great Canadian Oil Change, received September 15, 2014.

2. The applicant will provide a 3.5 meter road dedication adjacent to Highway 22.
3. Once the construction of a widened highway and/or sidewalk commences, the property owner will install a 2.0 meter buffer strip on the subject property and adjacent to Highway 22 to the City's satisfaction.
4. The applicant will provide the City with a quote and security deposit for the full amount of fencing along the south, east, and north property lines until the fencing is completed to the City's satisfaction.
5. The applicant will provide a \$4,234.67 security deposit for the full cost of landscaping until the landscaping is completed to the City's satisfaction.
6. That any servicing and infrastructure issues identified by Transportation and Civic Works for the property being developed are resolved to the City's satisfaction and at the developer's cost.

Carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

399-14
MINTUES

Moved and seconded,
that the draft minutes of the Public Safety Committee meeting held October 15, 2014, be received for information.

Carried.

400-14
ROYAL CANADIAN
MOUNTED POLICE CRIME
REDUCTION UNIT
REPORT - SEPTEMBER,
2014

Moved and seconded,
that the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Crime Reduction Unit Report for September, 2014, be received for information.

Carried.

401-14
EMERGENCY SERVICES
MONTHLY REPORT -
SEPTEMBER, 2014
(#14-155)

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

Carried.

**TRANSPORTATION AND
CIVIC WORKS:**

402-14
MINUTES

Moved and seconded,
that the draft minutes of the Transportation and Civic Works Committee meeting held October 14, 2014, be received for information.

Carried.

R.D.C.K. REPORT:

403-14
RDCK BOARD MEETING
MINUTES –
AUGUST 21, 2014

Moved and seconded,
that the minutes of the regular Regional District of Central Kootenay Board meeting held August 21, 2014, be received for information.

Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

404-14

Moved and seconded,
that the correspondence from Stephanie Cadieux,
Minister of Children and Family Development re: Foster
Family Month in British Columbia, Winterfest Committee,
re: Invitation, Fisheries and Oceans Canada re: Regional
Consultation on the Species at Risk Act draft
Management Plan for the Westslope Cutthroat Trout (BC
Population), School District No. 20 (Kootenay-Columbia)
re: Consulting session disposal of the former Blueberry
Creek Community School building and site, Legislative
Assembly of BC, Selina Robinson, MLA & John Horgan,
Official Opposition Leader re: UBCM Discussion,
Castlegar Arts Council, re: Thank you for support of
Castlegar Art 2014 Walk be received for information.

Carried.

**LETTER - WINTERFEST
COMMITTEE, RE:
INVITATION**

Council Rye reminded everyone about the December 5,
2014 Winterfest celebration and encouraged everyone to
participate in this years Parade of Lights.

REPORTS OTHER:

405-14

**COUNCIL
REMUNERATION
COMMITTEE
MEMORANDUM**

Moved and seconded,
that Council receive the report dated October 5, 2014 from
the Council Remuneration Committee and that
recommendation on the report be brought forward at the
next regular meeting of Council, once Council has had an
opportunity to fully consider the Committee's
recommendations.

Carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

- September 16, 2014, Rec Commission meeting re:
Master plan
- September 17, 2014, Multi- Material BC Meeting
- September 18, 2014, Chamber Business after
Business
- September 21-21, 2014, Fall Fair Opening
- September 22-27, 2014, UBCM Convention - The
Mayor delivered a comprehensive report on the
Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM)
Convention this year and described his:
participation and representation at the B.C. Mayor's
Forum which focused on the emerging issue of
mental health and addiction awareness in
communities; chairing of the Highway 3 Coalition
and acknowledgement by Premier Christy Clark of
the work of the Committee; service on the B.C.
Ambulance Executive and its oversight of the new
community paramedical services delivery model
- September 27, 2014, Taste of Castlegar

MAYOR'S REPORT:

- October 1, 2014, Ombudsperson meeting
- October 2, 2014, Green Committee meeting
- October 2, 2014, RDCK WRRRC meeting
- October 8 ,2014, Selkirk College Silver King, Campus Anniversary lunch
- October 9, 2014, Reach a Reader Day
- October 10, 2014, Community in Bloom Seeding Planting event in recognition of the up coming 2015: Peony Symposium
- October 15, 2014, RDCK All Recreation Meeting,
- October 15, 2014, EZ Rock Anniversary
- October 16, 2014, RDCK Board Meeting
- October 17, 2014, BCCS Healthy Food and Gardening Community Forum,
- October 17, 2014, Group Discussion on Local Government
- October 18, 2014, Yard Waste Compost Event
- October 20, 2014, School District 20 Board Public meeting being held this evening to consider disposal of Blueberry Creek Community lands.

Mayor Chernoff read aloud a letter from the City of Castlegar urging the School Board to strongly consider disposal of the land to the responsible stewardship to the BCCS Council.

NEW & UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Nil

BYLAWS:

406-14
BYLAW 1205
- 1ST READING

Moved and seconded,
that Bylaw 1205, Accommodation Tax Request
Amendment Bylaw, be read a first time by title.

Carried.

407-14
BYLAW 1205
- 2ND READING

Moved and seconded,
that Bylaw 1205, Accommodation Tax Request
Amendment Bylaw, be read a second time by content.

Carried.

408-14
BYLAW 1205
- 3RD READING

Moved and seconded,
that Bylaw 1205, Accommodation Tax Request
Amendment Bylaw, be read a third time.

Carried.

409-14
BYLAW 1201
- 3RD READING

Moved and seconded,
that Bylaw 1201, Official Community Plan Amendment
Bylaw, be read a third time.

Carried.

410-14
BYLAW 1201
- ADOPTION

Moved and seconded,
that Bylaw 1201, Official Community Plan Amendment
Bylaw, be adopted.

Carried.

411-14
BYLAW 1202
- 3RD READING

Moved and seconded,
that Bylaw 1202, Zoning Amendment Bylaw, be read a
third time.

Carried.

412-14
BYLAW 1202
- ADOPTION

Moved and seconded,
that Bylaw 1202, Zoning Amendment Bylaw, be adopted.

Carried.

413-14
BYLAW 1204
- ADOPTION

Moved and seconded,
that Bylaw 1204, 2015 Tax Exemption Bylaw, be adopted.

Carried.

NOTICE OF MOTION:

Nil

QUESTION PERIOD:
MR. RUTIGER KLAUSS

Rutiger Klauss raised environmental concerns with the rush to build the bicycle path on Connors Road, sought clarification on the glass collection day at his residence, and expressed frustration with the foreign ownership of CP Rail and the corporation's decision to move night trains through Castlegar. The Mayor directed Mr. Klauss to the City's website and Waste Management for further clarification on the glass collection schedule.

MR. KEN MELNICK

Ken Melnick asked Council to clarify what the issues are in the labour dispute. Council explained that the City had engaged in over a year of bargaining with two mediated sessions and that Council accepted the independent recommendations of the Labour Relations Board mediator to end the labour dispute and conclude a collective agreement. Council reiterated that they are sticking with the mediator's recommendations and that the alternatives are strike or lockout.

Mr. Melnick sought an update on the CP Rail night train situation and asked Council to further explain what they had done to bring about a hospital in Castlegar. Council explained that the West Kootenay Regional Hospital Board would be considering a regional strategic plan report commissioned by the City of Castlegar.

ADJOURNMENT:
414-14

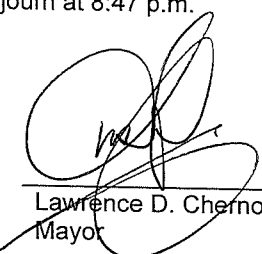
Moved and seconded,
that the meeting adjourn at 8:47 p.m.

Carried.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



Diane Kalen-Sukra
Deputy Director of Corporate Services



Lawrence D. Chernoff,
Mayor