



COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CASTLEGAR

Regular Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Council of the City of Castlegar held June 3, 2013, 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
David Bristow, Information and Technology Manager
Public and Media

CALL TO ORDER:

There being a quorum present, the Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

**AGENDA:
222-13**

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

DELEGATIONS:

- MR. DAN
SAHLSTROM & MR.
GORDON MALCOLM,
CASTLEGAR NEW
VISION HOUSING
SOCIETY

Mr. Dan Sahlstrom and Mr. Gordon Malcolm attended the meeting on behalf of the Castlegar New Vision Housing Society to present information regarding the Society's proposed community housing project in downtown Castlegar and to request Council's support for the project.

Mr. Sahlstrom advised Council that the Columbia Basin Trust, in conjunction with BC Housing, is making \$4,000,000 available this year for housing projects within the Columbia Basin. Now that the Society has completed a Needs and Demand Study, they are eligible to apply for some of this funding. The Society has had discussions with the owner of the old Fields and Eremenko buildings who have agreed to make these buildings available for sale to the Society for a community housing project.

The proposed housing project would include 9 residential rental units in the upper floor, 6 units on the ground floor with retail space available for rent on the ground level of the old Fields building. The proposed budget for this project is \$1.6 million, including purchase and renovation.

Mr. Sahlstrom advised that, in order for their grant application to be successful, they must demonstrate that the project has community support and support from City Hall, including confirmed financial support. Mr. Sahlstrom suggested that there are ways Council could financially support the project other than a direct cash

contribution, possibly by the Revitalization Tax Exemption Bylaw or through reduced taxes and/or development fees.

Mr. Sahlstrom advised that the grant application must be submitted by June 7th and apologized for the short time line on this request.

In response to questions from Council Mr. Sahlstrom advised that a Business Case has been prepared for this project as the Society must present a sustainable project for their grant application to be successful.

Council thanked Mr. Sahlstrom and Mr. Malcolm for their presentation.

223-13
- WAIVE PROCEDURES
UNDER COUNCIL
PROCEDURES BYLAW
986

Moved and seconded,
that, due to the June 7, 2013 grant application deadline, Council agree to waive the procedures required under the Council Procedure's Bylaw 986 in order to consider a motion to provide a letter of support to the New Vision Housing Society for their proposed residential housing project. Carried.

224-13
- LETTER OF SUPPORT
TO CASTLEGAR NEW
VISION HOUSING
SOCIETY

Moved and seconded
that Council provide a letter of support, in principle, to the Castlegar New Vision Housing Society for their proposed downtown residential housing project. Carried.

225-13
- CASTLEGAR NEW
VISION HOUSING
SOCIETY REQUEST
FOR FINANCIAL
ASSISTANCE

Moved and seconded,
that the request from the Castlegar New Vision Housing Society for a commitment of financial assistance from the City of Castlegar for their proposed residential housing project, be referred to the Planning and Development Committee for their consideration and recommendation to Council. Carried.

- MS. ANDREA
WILKIE, GENERAL
MANAGER & MS. LISA
CANNADY, REGIONAL
COORDINATOR,
INVEST KOOTENAY

Ms. Andrea Wilkie, General Manager and Ms. Lisa Cannady, Regional Coordinator attended the meeting to update Council on the activities and future plans for Invest Kootenay.

Ms. Wilkie provided information to Council about the Castlegar page of the InvestKootenay.com website, which includes information on the City's investment profile, investment opportunities and success stories as well as listing contact information.

Ms. Cannady reviewed Castlegar's historical statistics on the number of investors, opportunities, inquiries and investments realized between 2009 and year to date 2013. Information pertaining to the origin of investors indicated that 85% of investors are from the Kootenay Region of BC, followed by Alberta and other regions of BC. Statistics also showed that Castlegar ranks third among "communities of interest" behind Nelson and Kootenay Lake. Castlegar also ranked third in "location of opportunities" behind Nelson and Kimberley.

Ms. Wilkie discussed Invest Kootenay's planned projects and activities for the coming year which includes expanded investor information packages and web content; marketing collaboration with Kootenay Rockies Tourism; business succession planning workshop and CBRDI employment lands inventory project.

Council expressed concern at the "investments realized" numbers and discussed with Ms. Cannady and Ms. Wilkie the need to raise the profile of Invest Kootenay in the Castlegar area.

Council thanked Ms. Cannady and Ms. Wilkie for their presentation.

MINUTES:

- 226-13
- REGULAR MEETING
- MAY 21, 2013

Moved and seconded,
that the minutes of the regular meeting held May 21, 2013, be approved as presented. Carried.

REPORTS:

AIRPORT:

Nil

**COMMUNITY
WELLNESS & SOCIAL
SERVICES:**

Nil

**CULTURAL & CIVIC
PRIDE:**

Nil

**FINANCE AND
CORPORATE
SERVICES:**

- 227-13
- MINUTES

Moved and seconded,
that the draft minutes of the Finance and Corporate Services Committee meeting held May 28, 2013, be received for information. Carried.

GRANT REQUESTS

- 228-13
- CASTLEGAR
STANLEY HUMPHRIES
SECONDARY SCHOOL
ROTARY INTERACT
CLUB –
COCHAMBAMBA,
BOLIVIA 2013 (#13-107)

Moved and seconded,
that Council authorize a \$1,500 grant (\$1,000 from the Grants line item and \$500 from the Parks Maintenance line item in the 2013 Budget) to the Stanley Humphries Secondary School Rotary Interact Club in exchange for Club members committing to 150 hours of garbage pick-up over the months of June, July and August 2013, to be co-ordinated in conjunction with the Communities In Bloom clean-up initiative. Carried.

- 229-13
- STANLEY
HUMPHRIES
SECONDARY SCHOOL
GRAD 2013 (#13-108)

Moved and seconded,
that Council approve a \$250 grant, out of the City's grants line item, to the Stanley Humphries Secondary School Dry Grad 2013 Committee to assist with the costs of holding the Dry Grad 2013 Event on June 15, 2013 and further;

that Council donate two suitable items, at an approximate total value of \$40, as prizes for the Dry Grad 2013 Event. Carried.

- 230-13
- GRANTS BUDGET
LINE ITEM UPDATE
(#13-110)

Moved and seconded,
that Council receive for information Report #13-110, dated May 29, 2013, entitled Grants Budget Line Item Update. Carried.

- 231-13
- GRANTS BUDGET
LINE ITEM

Moved and seconded
that the Finance and Corporate Services Committee be directed to explore the possibility of allocating additional funding to the Grants to Organizations budget line item for 2013. Carried.

- 232-13
- SPONSORSHIP
REQUEST –
CASTLEGAR HOSPICE
SOCIETY GOLF
TOURNAMENT
(#13-109)

Moved and seconded,
that the sponsorship request from the Castlegar Hospice Society to sponsor a hole at the Castlegar Hospice Fifth Annual Golf Tournament to be held Sunday June 23, 2013, be denied, as there are no funds remaining in the 2013 grants budget. Carried.

233-13
- ADVERTISING
REQUEST – INVEST IN
BC MAGAZINE 2014
(#13-111)

Moved and seconded,
that Council approve the purchase of a ½ page ad in the 2014
edition of the Invest in BC Magazine – the official magazine of the
Economic Development Association of BC, to promote Castlegar.
The \$3,350 ad cost will be allocated from the 2014 Economic
Development budget line item. Carried.

GREEN:

Nil

**PLANNING AND
DEVELOPMENT:**

234-13
- MINUTES

Moved and seconded,
that the draft minutes of the Planning and Development Committee
meeting held May 29, 2013, be received for information. Carried.

235-13
- MOBILE VENDORS
(#13-106)

Moved and seconded,
that the survey results on the licensing of mobile food vendors, be
received for information. Carried.

236-13
- POLICY FOR MOBILE
FOOD VENDORS

Moved and seconded
that the Planning and Development Committee work with the
owners of McDonald's Restaurant, the A&W Restaurant, the
Element, Boston Pizza and Tim Horton's to develop a policy for
mobile food vendors to be implemented for 2014. Motion Defeated.

237-13
- CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE MEETING
WITH FOOD SERVICE
INDUSTRY

Moved and seconded
that the City requests that the Chamber of Commerce meet with
representatives of the food service industry and submit a package
of proposed options for consideration by the Planning and
Development Committee with regard to mobile food vendors.

Carried.

Opposed: Councillor Heaton-Sherstobitoff
Councillor McIntosh

PUBLIC SAFETY:

238-13
- MINUTES

Moved and seconded,
that the draft minutes of the Public Safety Committee meeting held
May 21, 2013, be received for information. Carried.

**TRANSPORTATION
AND CIVIC WORKS:**

239-13
- MINUTES

Moved and seconded,
that the draft minutes of the Transportation and Civic Works
Committee meeting held May 28, 2013, be received for information.
Carried.

240-13
- SOUTH CASTLEGAR
STORM PROJECT
PHASE 3 –
RECOMMENDATION
FOR AWARD (#13-112)

Moved and seconded,
that Mayor and Council award the contract for the installation of the
3rd Phase of the South Castlegar Storm Project to Civil Tech
Services for the sum of \$182,857.14 plus GST, and that Council
authorize staff to execute the necessary documents. Carried.

241-13
- 7TH AVENUE
SANITARY MAIN
REPLACEMENT –
RECOMMENDATION
FOR AWARD (#13-113)

Moved and seconded,
that Mayor and Council award the contract for the replacement of
the 70m of sanitary main on 7th Avenue to Maglio Installations for
the sum of \$49,397.50 plus GST, and that Council authorize staff to
execute the necessary documents. Carried.

R.D.C.K. REPORT:

242-13
- RDCK MINUTES

Moved and seconded,
that the minutes of the Regional District of Central Kootenay Board meeting held March 21, 2013, be received for information.

Carried.

243-13
- CASTLEGAR &
DISTRICT
RECREATION
COMMISSION
MINUTES

Moved and seconded,
that the minutes of the Castlegar & District Recreation Commission meeting held April 23, 2013, be received for information. Carried.

Council requested that a letter of congratulations be sent to Ms. Audrey Polovnikoff, Recreation and Cultural Programmer on being awarded the Gerry Morgan Memorial Trophy from the Recreation Facilities Association of BC, in recognition of her outstanding contribution to the Association.

CORRESPONDENCE:

244-13

Moved and seconded,
that the correspondence from Ms. Naida Stoochnoff regarding Wildlife Management in the City of Castlegar, be received for information. Carried.

REPORTS OTHER:

Nil

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Nil

**NEW & UNFINISHED
BUSINESS:**

Nil

BYLAWS:

Nil

NEXT MEETINGS:

Regular Meeting, June 17, 2013, 7:00 p.m. at the Community Forum, 445 – 13th Avenue, Castlegar, B.C.

NOTICE OF MOTION:

Nil

QUESTION PERIOD:

- MR. RUDIGER
CLAUSS

Mr. Clauss requested that there be an opportunity for public input regarding the proposed residential housing development at Columbia Avenue and 3rd Street if public money is going to be invested in the project.

Mr. Clauss stated that the City needs to more strictly enforce the bylaws with regard to people who allow their dogs to bark uncontrollable at all hours of the day and night. Mr. Clauss was directed to speak with Fire Chief Rempel regarding his concerns.

Mr. Clauss requested that mobile food vendors be required to locate their vehicles in such a way as to not impede the visibility of motorists and pedestrians. Mr. Clauss also suggested that the City contact the cities of Victoria and Calgary for their policies pertaining to mobile food vendors.

- MS. SHIRLEY
HENDERSON

Ms. Henderson asked what the bylaw regulations are with regard to sandwich board signs. Mr. Markin advised that one sandwich board sign is permitted per business and such sign is to be located on the business property. Ms. Henderson raised a concern about signs that are put out over the weekends when there is no Bylaw Enforcement Officer on duty. Letters will be sent to the mobile food vendors advising them of the sign bylaw requirements.

ADJOURNMENT:
245-13

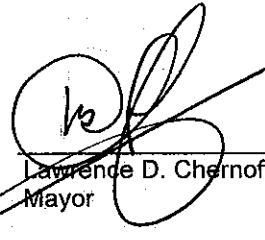
Moved and seconded,
that the meeting adjourn at 8:48 p.m.

Carried.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



Carolyn Rempel,
Director of Corporate Services



Lawrence D. Chernoff,
Mayor