



## COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CASTLEGAR

### Regular Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Council of the City of Castlegar held June 17, 2013, 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  
Councillor Sue Heaton-Sherstobitoff  
Councillor Deb McIntosh  
Councillor Dan Rye

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Councillor Gordon Turner

**ALSO PRESENT:**

John Malcolm, Chief Administrative Officer  
Andre Buss, Director of Finance  
Chris Barlow, Director of Transportation and Civic Works  
David Bristow, Information Technologist  
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 7:02 p.m.

**AGENDA:  
246-13**

Moved and seconded,  
that the agenda be approved as amended by adding under Community Wellness & Social Services, Report #13-126, Youth Kick Off to Summer Event and under Cultural and Civic Pride Committee, a verbal report regarding Sculpturewalk. Carried.

**DELEGATIONS:**

- MR. DON SIMPSON  
FOR BDO CANADA LLP  
RE: 2012 ANNUAL  
FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Don Simpson of BDO Canada LLP attended the meeting to present the City of Castlegar's audited financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2012. Mr. Simpson advised that the audited financial statements accurately reflect, in all material aspects, the City's financial position as of December 31, 2012.

Mr. Simpson reported that there was no large discrepancy over the 2011 financial reports and that there was not a lot of change from 2011. Mr. Simpson noted that this is a sign of health and financial security in the organization. Mr. Simpson commented that another item of note was the fact that the City has no long term debt. Most organizations have a financial deficit, however, the City of Castlegar has money in the bank that is not encumbered. Mr. Simpson noted that the City's operations fell very close to the budget set in May of 2012.

Mr. Simpson advised that changes to the Contaminated Sites legislation will have an impact on the City's financial statements commencing in 2014.

Mr. Simpson thanked Mr. Andre Buss, Director of Finance and City staff for the exceptional job done in preparing for the annual audit.

Mayor Chernoff asked if there were any questions or comments from Council or the public with regard to the City's 2012 audited financial statements or annual report. No questions or comments were received.

Mayor Chernoff thanked Mr. Simpson for attending the meeting to present the City's audited financial statements and annual report.

- MS. ANTOINETTE  
HALBERSTADT, MS.  
MELISSA CLINE, MS.  
ELISE BOURGEOIS,  
MR. MARK JENNINGS  
RE: PESTICIDE USE IN  
PARKS

Ms. Antoinette Halberstadt, Ms. Melissa Cline, Ms. Elise Bourgeois and Mr. Mark Jennings attended the meeting to present information on the risks of pesticide use and to submit a petition requesting that the City of Castlegar refrain from applying pesticides in common areas.

Ms. Halberstadt advised that the group has obtained over 1,000 signatures on a petition and has had 314 Facebook friends join on-line.

The group requests that:

- 1) the City stop applying cosmetic pesticides in parks and common areas; and
- 2) the City commit to a timeline to enact a bylaw to ban the use of cosmetic pesticides in the City.

Ms. Cline noted that Nelson is pesticide-free and she is requesting that Castlegar City Council institute a complete ban on pesticide use.

Ms. Elise Bourgeois reported that she is the mother of three daughters who play in the City parks on a regular basis. Ms. Bourgeois noted that children are at a greater risk from pesticide exposure than adults. Ms. Bourgeois also informed Council of the threats to the environment associated with pesticide use.

Mr. Mark Jennings advised Council that he would like to see the City stop using dangerous pesticides.

In response to a question from Council regarding the residency of the individuals signing the petition, Ms. Halberstadt noted that not all of them are from Castlegar, however, the group plans on also submitting this petition to the Regional District of Central Kootenay Board.

Mayor Chernoff thanked the delegation for attending the meeting.

- MR. ALEC  
CHEVELDAVE AND MR.  
GARY PAULSON RE:  
REPLOTT AREA

Mr. Alex Cheveldave and Mr. Gary Paulson attended the meeting to request that Council consider cost-sharing the installation of services in the replott area.

Mr. Cheveldave referred Council to the documentation which had been provided and was included in their agenda packages.

When asked by Council if they have an estimate for the cost of the services, Mr. Cheveldave advised that no, they don't have a current estimate but they were hoping the City would have one completed. Mr. Cheveldave advised that at one time they received an estimate of \$3 million, however he believes that was high. Mr. Paulson stated that in 2000 the City quoted a cost of \$3.9 million, but he doesn't believe it would ever be that much.

In closing, Mr. Cheveldave and Mr. Paulson requested that Council give their request favourable consideration so that a cost sharing arrangement can be negotiated and a phased development started.

**MINUTES:**

247-13  
- REGULAR MEETING  
- JUNE 3, 2013

Moved and seconded,  
that the minutes of the regular meeting held June 3, 2013, be approved as presented. Carried.

**REPORTS:  
AIRPORT:**

Nil

**COMMUNITY  
WELLNESS & SOCIAL  
SERVICES:**

248-13  
- MINUTES

Moved and seconded,  
that the draft minutes of the Community Wellness and Social  
Services Committee meeting held June 7, 2013, be received for  
information. Carried.

249-13  
- YOUTH KICK OFF TO  
SUMMER EVENT  
(#13-126)

Moved and seconded,  
that Council authorize the expenditure of \$2,200 from the Special  
Events budget line item to host a youth event at the Castle Theater  
on Saturday June 29, 2013. Carried.

**CULTURAL AND CIVIC  
PRIDE:**

250-13  
- MINUTES

Moved and seconded,  
that the draft minutes of the Cultural and Civic Pride Committee  
meeting held June 10, 2013, be received for information. Carried.

Councillor Rye requested a letter be sent to the Castlegar Festival  
Society expressing Council's appreciation for their hard work over  
the Sunfest weekend, and another successful event.

251-13  
- CITY OF CASTLEGAR  
ATHLETIC  
COMMISSION (#13-118)

Moved and seconded,  
that Council repeal "Athletic Commission Bylaw No. 1144" and that  
letters be sent to Mr. Robin Tomlin, Mr. Adrian Jelly and Mr. Kevin  
Carlson expressing Council's appreciation for their service to the  
community as members of the Athletic Commission. Carried.

252-13  
- VERBAL REPORT RE:  
SCULPTUREWALK  
GRANTS

Moved and seconded,  
that Councillor Rye's verbal report advising that the Castlegar  
Sculpturewalk Society had received grants from the BC Gaming  
Commission and the Columbia Kootenay Cultural Alliance, be  
received for information. Carried.

**FINANCE AND  
CORPORATE  
SERVICES:**

253-13  
- ANNUAL REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
DECEMBER 31, 2012  
(#13-115)

Moved and seconded,  
that Council approve the Annual Municipal Report, including the  
2012 Audited Financial Statements, for the year ended December  
31, 2012 and that Council approve the 2012 Statement of Financial  
Information and the Mayor and Director of Finance are authorized to  
sign the Statement of Financial Information. Carried.

254-13  
- MINUTES

Moved and seconded,  
that the draft minutes of the Finance and Corporate Services  
Committee meeting held June 11, 2013, be received for information.  
Carried.

255-13  
- 2013 GRANTS TO  
ORGANIZATION  
BUDGET LINE ITEM  
REVIEW (#13-122)

Moved and seconded,  
that Council receive for information the Report to Council #13-122  
advising Council that after further discussion and consideration the  
Finance and Corporate Services Committee has determined that  
additional funding to the Grants to Organization budget line item  
from the 2013 budget should not be allocated. Carried.

**GREEN:**

256-13  
- MINUTES

Moved and seconded,  
that the draft minutes of the Green Committee meeting held June 6,  
2013, be received for information. Carried.

**PLANNING AND  
DEVELOPMENT:**

257-13  
- MINUTES

Moved and seconded,  
that the draft minutes of the Planning and Development Committee  
meeting held June 12, 2013, be received for information. Carried.

258-13  
- BUSINESS LICENSE  
REPORT – MAY, 2013  
(#13-116)

Moved and seconded,  
that the Business License Report for May, 2013, be received for  
information. Carried.

259-13  
- BUILDING PERMIT  
REPORT – MAY, 2013  
(#13-117)

Moved and seconded,  
that the Building Permit Report for May, 2013, be received for  
information. Carried.

260-13  
- NEW VISION  
HOUSING SOCIETY  
FUNDING REQUEST  
(#13-119)

Moved and seconded,  
that Council support, in principle, the preparation of a bylaw(s)  
pursuant to Section 933.1 of the Local Government Act and Section  
224 of the Community Charter to waive Development Cost Charges,  
building permit fees and property taxation to assist Castlegar New  
Vision Housing Society (a not for profit society) in the creation of  
affordable market housing at 310 Columbia Avenue and 1224 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Street. The waiving of fees would only apply to the residential  
component of the proposed development. Carried.

261-13  
- RADON GAS  
STANDARDS (REPORT  
#5) (#13-120)

Moved and seconded,  
that staff be instructed to submit a Bylaw that requires mandatory  
radon remediation to the Minister of Energy and Mines and Minister  
Responsible for Housing. Carried.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:**

262-13  
- EMERGENCY  
SERVICES MONTHLY  
REPORT – APRIL, 2013  
(#13-124)

Moved and seconded,  
that the Emergency Services Monthly Report for April, 2013, be  
received for information. Carried.

263-13  
- EMERGENCY  
SERVICES MONTHLY  
REPORT – MAY, 2013  
(#13-125)

Moved and seconded,  
that the Emergency Services Monthly Report for May, 2013, be  
received for information. Carried.

**TRANSPORTATION  
AND CIVIC WORKS:**

264-13  
- MINUTES

Moved and seconded,  
that the draft minutes of the Transportation and Civic Works  
Committee meeting held June 11, 2013, be received for information.  
Carried.

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

265-13  
- CASTLEGAR &  
DISTRICT  
RECREATION  
COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
– MAY 28, 2013

Moved and seconded,  
that the minutes of the Castlegar & District Recreation Commission  
meeting held May 28, 2013, be received for information. Carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

266-13

Moved and seconded,  
that the correspondence from Shaw regarding expanding service in  
the West Kootenay area; Castlegar Friends of Parks and Trails  
regarding appreciation for Columbia Basin Trust's Community  
Initiatives Program funding and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police  
regarding a News Release dated June 12, 2013, be received for  
information. Carried.

**REPORTS OTHER:**

Nil

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Nil

**NEW & UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Nil

**BYLAWS:** Nil

**NEXT MEETINGS;**

- Special Meeting – Wednesday, July 3, 2013, 7:00 p.m. at the Community Forum, 445 – 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Castlegar, B.C.
- Regular Meeting – July 15, 2013, 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 stated that he believes the City should take concrete and stronger action against people who allow their dogs to bark at all hours of the day and night. Mr. Clauss was requested to have people call the Animal Control Officer to state their concerns.

Mr. Clauss thanked the City for the diligent job done on managing the City's finances.

Mr. Clauss expressed his support of Council's decision to not allocate additional funding for the Grants to Organizations budget for 2013.

- PRESENTATION TO  
MR. RUSS HEARNE

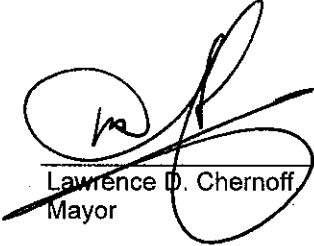
Mayor Chernoff acknowledged that this was the last Council meeting for Councillor Hearne as he has submitted his resignation effective June 30, 2013. Mayor Chernoff thanked Councillor Hearne, on behalf of the citizens of Castlegar, for his dedicated service to the community over the past seven and a half years as a member of City Council. Mayor Chernoff presented Councillor Hearne with his name plate and a gift from the City in appreciation of his service.

**ADJOURNMENT:**  
- 267-13  
- ADJOURNMENT

Moved and seconded,  
that the meeting adjourn at 8:26 p.m. Carried.

**CERTIFIED CORRECT:**

  
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Carolyn Rempel,  
Director of Corporate Services

  
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Lawrence D. Chernoff,  
Mayor

