



## COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CASTLEGAR

### Regular Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Council of the City of Castlegar held December 16, 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 Sue Heaton-Sherstobitoff  
Councillor Deb McIntosh  
Councillor Dan Rye  
Councillor Gordon Turner  
Councillor Florio Vassilakakis

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**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  
Diane Kalen-Sukra, Deputy Director of Corporate Services  
Public and Media

**CALL TO ORDER:**

There being a quorum present, the Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

**AGENDA:  
471-13**

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

**DELEGATION:**

MS. DIANA  
DAGHOFER,  
PREVENT CANCER  
NOW

Ms. Diana Daghofer, representing Prevent Cancer Now, attended the meeting to present information to Council regarding the health effects of pesticides.

Ms. Daghofer presented information regarding:

- the history and background of the not-for-profit Prevent Cancer Now organization which is dedicated to eliminating the preventable causes of cancer;
- the different factors acting together that create cancers;
- the health effects of pesticides, which include: hormonal effects, immune disruption, neurological damage, DNA damage and epigenetic changes;
- children are more vulnerable;
- deficiencies in the regulatory system and "gaps" in the regulations.

Ms. Daghofer reported that the City of Rossland has not used chemical pesticides on its grounds for at least 7 years and staff report that there has been no degradation of the grounds. Ms. Daghofer advised that there has been good support in other communities for banning the use of pesticides for cosmetic purposes.

In response to a question from Council, Ms. Daghofer advised that the "Precautionary Principle" is that if there are enough red flags then a product should not be used; the "Substitution Principle" is that if there is a less toxic substitute that does the job equally as well, the least toxic product should be used.

Council thanked Ms. Daghofer for her presentation.

**MINUTES:**

472-13  
REGULAR MEETING  
- DECEMBER 2, 2013

Moved and seconded,  
that the minutes of the regular meeting held December 2, 2013, be  
approved as presented. Carried.

**REPORTS:**

**AIRPORT:**

Nil

**COMMUNITY  
WELLNESS & SOCIAL  
SERVICES:**

473-13  
MINUTES

Moved and seconded,  
that the draft minutes of the Community Wellness and Social  
Services Committee meeting held December 5, 2013, be received  
for information. Carried.

474-13  
2014 CELEBRATE  
CANADA – FUNDING  
APPLICATION (#13-208)

Moved and seconded,  
that Council authorize Carolyn Rempel, Director of Corporate  
Services, to submit a funding application to the Celebrate Canada  
Program for assistance with the costs to host a Canada Day  
Community BBQ and "Fresh Air Cinema" on July 1, 2014.

Carried.

**CULTURAL AND CIVIC  
PRIDE:**

475-13  
MINUTES & 2013  
EMBETSU-CASTLEGAR  
SISTER CITY  
EXCHANGE PROGRAM  
REPORT

Moved and seconded,  
that the draft minutes of the Cultural and Civic Pride Committee  
meeting held December 9, 2013 and the 2013 Embetsu-Castlegar  
Sister City Exchange Program Report, be received for information.

Carried.

**FINANCE AND  
CORPORATE  
SERVICES:**

476-13  
MINUTES

Moved and seconded,  
that the draft minutes of the Finance and Corporate Services  
Committee meeting held December 10, 2013, be received for  
information. Carried.

477-13  
PROPOSED  
BOUNDARY  
EXPANSION –  
ALTERNATIVE  
APPROVAL PROCESS  
(#13-222)

Moved and seconded,  
that Council receive Report No. 13-222 from the Director of  
Corporate Services regarding the Highway 3 Right of Way  
(Ootischenia Pit Lands area) proposed boundary expansion  
alternative approval process; and

that Council direct staff to undertake an alternative approval process  
to obtain the approval of the electors with regard to the proposed  
Highway 3 Right of Way (Ootischenia Pit Lands area) boundary  
expansion and

that Council establish a deadline of Monday, February 3, 2014 at  
4:30 p.m. for receiving elector response forms for the proposed  
Highway 3 Right of Way (Ootischenia Pit Lands area) boundary  
expansion alternative approval process; and

that Council approve the "Boundary Expansion – Alternative  
Approval Process Elector Response Form" as attached to this  
report; and

that Council establish that the total number of electors of the area to  
which the approval process applies is 6,096. Carried.

478-13  
WEST KOOTENAY  
JUNIOR DRAGONS'  
DEN COMPETITION –  
SPONSORSHIP  
REQUEST (#13-214)

Moved and seconded,  
that Council authorize the purchase of a silver sponsorship package  
in the amount of \$2,500 to assist with the costs associated with  
hosting a West Kootenay Junior Dragons' Den Competition June 6,  
2014 at the Charles Bailey Theatre in Trail, BC, to be allocated from  
the 2014 advertising budget line item. Carried.

479-13  
UTILITY RATES AND  
REGULATIONS, 2014  
(#13-270)

Moved and seconded,  
that Council consider giving three readings to Bylaw 1183, 2014  
Water Regulations and Rates Amendment Bylaw, Bylaw 1184, 2014  
Sewer Regulations and Rates Amendment Bylaw and Bylaw 1185,  
2014 Garbage Regulations and Rates Amendment Bylaw. Carried.

480-13  
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE –  
NOVEMBER, 2013

Moved and seconded,  
that the list of accounts payable for November, 2013 totaling  
\$1,587,000.60, covered by cheque numbers 57773 to 58035  
inclusive, be received for information and recorded in the minutes.  
Carried.

**GREEN:**

Nil

**PLANNING AND  
DEVELOPMENT:**

481-13  
MINUTES – DECEMBER  
11, 2013

Moved and seconded,  
that the draft minutes of the Planning and Development Committee  
meeting held December 11, 2013, be received for information.  
Carried.

482-13  
BUSINESS LICENSE  
REPORT – NOVEMBER,  
2013 (#13-220)

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

483-13  
BUILDING PERMIT  
REPORT – NOVEMBER,  
2013 (#13-221)

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

484-13  
RADON GAS  
RESEARCH PROJECT  
(#13-224)

Moved and seconded,  
that the update Report No. 13-224 from the Director of Development  
Services, dated December 11, 2013 on the Radon Gas Research  
Project, be received for information. Carried.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:**

Nil

**TRANSPORTATION  
AND CIVIC WORKS:**

485-13  
MINUTES

Moved and seconded,  
that the draft minutes of the Transportation and Civic Works  
Committee meeting held December 10, 2013, be received for  
information. Carried.

486-13  
PESTICIDE USE IN  
CITY PARKS AND  
FACILITIES (#13-105)

Moved and seconded,  
that Report #13-105 from the Director of Transportation and Civic  
Works dated December 4, 2013 regarding herbicide use at City  
Parks and Installations, be received for information and further;

that Mayor and Council direct staff to continue with the current pest  
management program with the inclusion of the recommendation for  
better signage and notice to user groups and the public. Carried.

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

Nil

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

487-13

Moved and seconded,  
that the correspondence from the District of Sicamous regarding the Philippines Challenge; Order of British Columbia regarding the Call for Nominations; Wordsworth & Associates regarding Proclamation – BC Privacy & Security Awareness Day on February 6, 2014 and Ambulance Paramedics of BC, CUPE Local 873 regarding Community Paramedic Initiative, be received for information.

Carried.

488-13

INVITATION TO  
AMBULANCE  
PARAMEDICS OF BC

Moved and seconded,  
that staff invite the Ambulance Paramedics of BC to attend a Council meeting in 2014 to report on the Community Paramedic Initiative.

Carried.

**RREPORTS OTHER:**

Nil

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Mayor Chernoff reported on his attendance at the following meetings and/or events during the past few weeks:

- 1) the Community Services Open House
- 2) Winterfest Celebrations
- 3) Physician Recruitment Committee meeting
- 4) West Kootenay Economic Development meeting
- 5) Regional District of Central Kootenay budget meetings
- 6) CP Rail Holiday Train

Council congratulated Mayor Chernoff on his recent election to the position of Vice-Chair of the Regional District of Central Kootenay Board.

**MAYOR'S  
APPOINTMENTS  
- STANDING  
COMMITTEES**

Mayor Chernoff made the following Council Standing Committee appointments:

Public Safety

Chair	Councillor Heaton-Sherstobitoff
Deputy Chair	Councillor McIntosh

- Budget Committee
- Bylaw Enforcement
- Liaison to the R.C.M.P.
- Liaison to Block Watch
- Liaison to the Fire Department
- Liaison to Emergency Preparedness Committee
  - 1) Community – Fire, Police, Ambulance
  - 2) Interior Health Authority Disaster Committee

Cultural and Civic Pride

Chair	Councillor Vassilakakis
Deputy Chair	Councillor Turner

- Budget Committee
- Liaison to Kootenay Gallery of Art, History & Science
- Liaison to Doukhobor Historical Society
- Liaison to the Castlegar & District Heritage Society
- Liaison to Castlegar-Embetsu Educational Exchange Committee
- Liaison to Communities in Bloom Committee
- Liaison to Castlegar Sculpturewalk Society
- Chamber of Commerce Representative

Community Wellness and Social Services

Chair                      Councillor McIntosh  
Deputy Chair            Councillor Rye

- Budget Committee
- Library Board Representative
- Liaison to School District No. 20
- Seniors Advisory Representative and Liaison to Senior Citizens Association
- Liaison to Social Planning Council
- Liaison to the Kootenay Columbia Seniors Housing Co-operative Society
- Liaison to the Abilities Awareness Advisory Committee
- Liaison to the Festival Society - Special Events

Finance and Corporate Services

Chair                      Councillor Chernoff  
Deputy Chair            Councillor Vassilakakis

- Budget Committee
- Grants
- Banking
- Fiscal Policy
- Policy and Procedures
- Risk Management/Insurance
- Information Technology Systems

Green

Chair                      Mayor Chernoff  
Deputy Chair            Councillor McIntosh  
Deputy Chair            Councillor Chernoff

- Budget Committee
- Integrated Community Sustainability Plan
- Environmental Initiatives
- Policy and Procedures
- Equipment Acquisition
- Liaison to Kootenay Food Strategy Society

Transportation and Civic Works

Chair                      Councillor Rye  
Deputy Chair            Councillor Heaton-Sherstobitoff

- Budget Committee
- Airport Development
- Equipment Acquisition
- Parks
- Capital Works
- Water Treatment and Waste Water Disposal



495-13  
BYLAW 1185  
- 1<sup>ST</sup> READING

Moved and seconded,  
that Bylaw 1185, Garbage Regulation and Rates Amendment  
Bylaw, be read a first time by title. Carried.

496-13  
BYLAW 1185  
- 2<sup>ND</sup> READING

Moved and seconded,  
that Bylaw 1185, Garbage Regulation and Rates Amendment  
Bylaw, be read a second time by content. Carried.

497-13  
BYLAW 1185  
- 3<sup>RD</sup> READING

Moved and seconded,  
that Bylaw 1185, Garbage Regulation and Rates Amendment  
Bylaw, be read a third time. Carried.

498-13  
BYLAW 1182  
- ADOPTION

Moved and seconded,  
that Bylaw 1182, Animal Control and Licensing Amendment Bylaw,  
be adopted. Carried.

**NEXT MEETINGS:**

Regular Meeting, January 6, 2014, 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 expressed concern about the installation of Smart  
Meters and suggested that the City educate citizens to reduce the  
amount of garbage. Mr. Clauss also expressed concern about  
companies who use "excessive packaging" for their products.


Mr. Clauss thanked Council for the good job they do and wished  
them a Merry Christmas.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

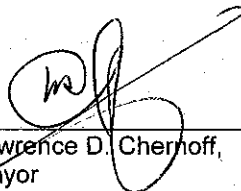
499-13

Moved and seconded,  
that the meeting adjourn at 8:41 p.m. Carried.

**CERTIFIED CORRECT:**



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Carolyn Rempel,  
Director of Corporate Services



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Lawrence D. Chernoff,  
Mayor

