



## COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CASTLEGAR

### Regular Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Council of the City of Castlegar held February 3, 2014, 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 Florio Vassilakakis

**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  
Phil Markin, Director of Development Services  
Carolyn Rempel, Director of Corporate Services  
Diane Kalen-Sukra, Deputy Director of Corporate Services  
Gerry Rempel, Fire Chief/Airport Manager  
David Bristow, Information Technology Manager  
Public and Media

**CALL TO ORDER:**

There being a quorum present, the Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.

**AGENDA:  
34-14**

Moved and seconded,  
that the agenda be approved as amended by adding:  
1. under "Community Wellness and Social Services Reports" –  
Skating Party on February 7, 2014  
2. under "Reports Other" – Kraft Hockeyville Update and Selkirk  
College Bursary Tea. Carried.

**DELEGATIONS:**

MS. ANNA KAYTOR &  
MS. TAMMY VERIGIN-  
BURK, CASTLEGAR &  
DISTRICT CHAMBER  
OF COMMERCE

Ms. Anna Kaytor, Tourism Supervisor and Ms. Tammy Verigin-Burk, Executive Director for the Castlegar and District Chamber of Commerce attended the meeting to provide the annual report on the Castlegar Visitor Centre and the Castlegar & District Chamber of Commerce.

Ms. Kaytor reported that 2013 was a busy year and a great tourist season at the Visitor Centre with over 13,000 people coming through the doors. The summer months were particularly busy but the busy season extending well into the fall.

Ms. Kaytor reported that:

- all types of inquiries (phone, e-mail, fax, etc.) increased in 2013;
- the number of visitors from BC, other areas of Canada, Washington State, the USA, Mexico, Asia, Australia and Europe all increased in 2013 from 2012;

- the number of visitors from Alberta decreased in 2013, likely due to the flooding that occurred in Alberta in the summer of 2013;
- inquiries about Castlegar's tourist sites all increased in 2013, with the exception of inquiries regarding the Doukhobor Discovery Centre.

Ms. Verigin-Burk reported that Castlegar is now the training centre for the Visitor Information Centre Counsellor Training which is provided by Ms. Kaytor. Ms. Kaytor and Ms. Susan Stewart have also received the Welcoming Communities certification.

Ms. Verigin-Burk provided information on the Chamber of Commerce 2013 year, including:

- the chamber of Commerce Mission Statement;
- highlights of the 2013 year, which included: an increase in membership; successful "Business After Business" events; Special Events such as the Home and Garden Expo, the Business Awards Gala and the new "Taste of Castlegar" event;
- the Invest Kootenay Program, which was highly utilized during the last half of 2013;
- the Chamber of Commerce goals for 2014 which include the implementation of a "Business Walk" program in conjunction with the City; enhanced training opportunities; a Christmas Shopping Kick-off event to be held in conjunction with Winterfest; enhanced services to businesses; the possible implementation of a Municipal Tax to enhance destination marketing initiatives and exploring the possibility of a new building.

Ms. Verigin-Burk and Ms. Kaytor thanked Council and staff for the support and collaboration with the Chamber of Commerce which lead to a successful 2013 year.

Council thanked Ms. Verigin-Burk and Ms. Kaytor for their presentation and the great work being done by the Chamber of Commerce.

MS. ROBERTA  
HAMILTON & MS.  
BRENDA HOOPER,  
TRAIL CASTLEGAR  
AUGMENTED  
RESPONSE (TCARE)

Ms. Robert Hamilton and Ms. Brenda Hooper attended the meeting to update Council on the status of the TCARE (Trail Castlegar Augmented Response) Project. Ms. Hamilton reminded Council that she had been appointed by Council in 2012 as the City's representative on the Advisory Committee for the TCARE Project. Since that time Ms. Hamilton has represented the City at the Committee meetings and, along with Ms. Brenda Hooper, is in attendance at this meeting to provide Council with an update on the TCARE project.

Ms. Hamilton introduced Ms. Brenda Hooper who is the "Nurse Navigator" for the project. Ms. Hooper thanked Council for the opportunity to update them on this project which commenced about

a year and a half ago. The purpose of the project is to provide a model of care to help people living with a terminal illness to navigate the health care system. As a registered nurse, Ms. Hooper is familiar with the health services in our area and is able to help guide people through the health care system. Services provided to participants have included helping to interpret test results, helping with explaining medications, assisting with requests to the Red Cross loan cupboard and providing general support and assistance. Ms. Hooper reported that since registering the first participant in January of 2013, she has recorded over 300 visits with residents in the Castlegar/Trail area. At the current time there are 20 participants in the program, which is almost at full capacity. Ms. Hooper noted that approximately half of the participants are from Castlegar. Ms. Hoover advised that there is funding for the program until the end of 2014 at which time the statistics and data will be reviewed and a report prepared.

Council thanked Ms. Hamilton and Ms. Hooper for their presentation.

**MINUTES:**

35-14  
REGULAR MEETING  
- JANUARY 20, 2014

Moved and seconded,  
that the minutes of the regular meeting held January 20, 2014, be approved as presented. Carried.

**REPORTS:  
AIRPORT:**

Nil

**COMMUNITY  
WELLNESS & SOCIAL  
SERVICES:**

Councillor McIntosh encouraged everyone to come and enjoy the Mid Winter Community Celebration Skating Party and help to promote the 2014 Kraft Hockeyville Competition. It is to be held at the Kinnaird Park outdoor rinks on Friday, February 7, 2014 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. There will be free hotdogs and hot chocolate and fireworks will be held at 7:00 p.m.

**CULTURAL AND CIVIC  
PRIDE:**

Nil

**FINANCE AND  
CORPORATE  
SERVICES:**

36-14  
MINUTES

Moved and seconded,  
that the draft minutes of the Finance and Corporate Services Committee meeting held January 29, 2014, be received for information. Carried.

37-14  
ITEMS TO BE  
RELEASED FROM  
PREVIOUS IN CAMERA  
MEETINGS (#14-08)

Moved and seconded,  
that Council release to the public the resolutions from the July 15, 2013 and December 2, 2013 Special In Camera meetings as noted in Report to Council No. 14-08. Carried.

38-14  
GRANT APPLICATION –  
TURNING POINTE  
PERFORMANCE  
COMPANY (#14-09)

Moved and seconded,  
that Council approve a \$300.00 grant to the Turning Pointe Performance Company, out of the City's grants line item, to assist with the costs for 55 Turning Pointe members to attend dance competitions in Winfield, BC and Cranbrook, BC, in April 2014.

Carried.

39-14  
GRANT APPLICATION  
- CASTLEGAR SENIOR  
CITIZENS BRANCH  
SENIOR'S TEA (#14-10)

Moved and seconded,  
that Council approve a \$300.00 grant to the Castlegar Senior  
Citizens Branch 46 to assist with the costs associated with hosting  
the 80's and over seniors' tea to be held at the Castlegar Seniors  
Centre on May 2, 2014. Carried.

40-14  
SPONSORSHIP  
REQUEST – BC  
SENIOR GAMES ZONE  
6 (#14-11)

Moved and seconded,  
that Council approve the purchase of a Maple sponsorship package  
in the amount of \$400 in support of the BC Senior Games Zone 6,  
out of the City's grants budget line item, to assist with the costs  
associated with attending the 2014 BC Senior Games in Langley,  
BC, September 9-13, 2014. Carried.

Councillor Vassilakakis excused himself from the meeting at 7:59  
p.m. declaring a conflict of interest with regard to the Sponsorship  
Request for the 2014 Men's Sunflower Open, as he is on the  
Castlegar Golf Club Board of Directors.

41-14  
SPONSORSHIP  
REQUEST – 2014  
MEN'S SUNFLOWER  
OPEN (#14-13)

Moved and seconded,  
that Council deny the \$2,500 "premier" sponsorship request from  
the Castlegar Golf Club to assist with the costs associated with  
hosting the 2014 annual Men's Sunflower Open, to be held at the  
Castlegar Golf Club July 25-27, 2014. Carried.

Councillor Vassilakakis returned to the meeting at 8:01 p.m.

**GREEN:**

Nil

**PLANNING AND  
DEVELOPMENT:**

42-14  
MINUTES

Moved and seconded,  
that the draft minutes of the Planning and Development Committee  
meeting held January 30, 2014, be received for information. Carried.

43-14  
2013 YEAR END  
BUILDING PERMIT  
REPORT (#14-14)

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

44-14  
2013 YEAR END  
DEVELOPMENT  
ACTIVITY REPORT  
(#14-15)

Moved and seconded,  
that the 2013 Year End Development Activity Report, be received  
for information. Carried.

Councillor Chernoff provided an update on the BC Lung Association  
Radon Gas project which the City is participating in. To date 125  
test kits have been distributed to home owners wanting to  
participate in this project. Mr. Chernoff encouraged home owners  
who are interested to contact Mr. Phil Markin at City Hall.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:**

Nil

**TRANSPORTATION  
AND CIVIC WORKS:**

45-14  
MINUTES

Moved and seconded,  
that the draft minutes of the Transportation and Civic Works  
Committee meeting held January 28, 2014, be received for  
information. Carried.

46-14  
BC EMERGENCY FUND  
– FLOOD PROTECTION  
GRANT APPLICATION  
#14-16)

Moved and seconded,  
that Mayor and Council authorize staff to submit an application to  
flood proof the North Lagoon berms through the BC Emergency  
Fund – Flood Protection Program, with the City's share being  
approximately \$135,000 or 1/3 of the total project costs. Carried.

47-14  
RECREATION FIELD  
EXPANSION AND  
UPGRADES (#14-17)

Moved and seconded,  
that Report #14-17 from the Director of Transportation and Civic  
Works dated January 29, 2014 and titled Recreation Field  
Expansion and Upgrades and the plans attached to Report #14-17,  
be received for information. Carried.

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

Nil

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

48-14

Moved and seconded,  
that the correspondence from Fisheries and Oceans Canada  
regarding Columbia River Navigation Aids, be received for  
information. Carried.

**REPORTS OTHER:**

49-14  
WEST KOOTENAY-  
BOUNDARY REGIONAL  
HOSPITAL DISTRICT  
SPOTLIGHT  
PUBLICATION

Moved and seconded,  
that the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District  
*Spotlight* Publication, be received for information. Carried.

Councillor McIntosh noted that the March 26, 2014 Board meeting  
will be held at the Castlegar Community Complex. Councillor  
McIntosh advised that Interior Health Authority staff will provide a  
report on a service delivery model. Councillor McIntosh encouraged  
everyone to attend to hear this important information.

Councillor Sue Heaton-Sherstobitoff encouraged everyone to  
nominate Castlegar for the 2014 Kraft Hockeyville competition. The  
deadline for nominations is midnight, February 9, 2014 (Eastern  
Time). 500 people attended the "Castlegar is Kraft Hockeyville"  
night on February 1, 2014 during the Castlegar Rebels home game.  
On Saturday, February 8, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. at the Castlegar &  
District Community Complex there will be a "Smoke and Guns" road  
hockey game between the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and the  
Fire Department in support of the City's nomination bid for Kraft  
Hockeyville 2014.

Councillor Dan Rye reported on his attendance at the Selkirk  
College Bursary Tea on Saturday, February 1, 2014 at the Mary  
Hall in Nelson. Councillor Rye noted that over \$150,000 in  
bursaries were presented to 110 deserving recipients.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

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

1. Highway 3 Mayors and Chairs meeting;
2. Family Literacy Day at Kinnaird Elementary School;
3. Recreation Commission meeting; and
4. Regional District of Central Kootenay Budget meetings.

**NEW & UNFINISHED  
BUSINESS:**

Nil

**BYLAWS:**

Nil

**NEXT MEETINGS:** Regular Meeting, February 17, 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 reported an incident regarding a noise complaint of barking puppies and requested clarification of enforcing noise created by puppies rather than dogs. Mr. Clauss was advised to contact the Animal Control Officer.

Mr. Clauss also commented that Castlegar field user groups should be happy with the current facilities.

**ADJOURNMENT:**  
50-14

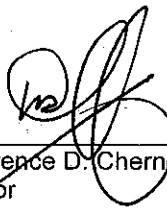
Moved and seconded,  
that the meeting adjourn at 8:23 p.m.

Carried.

**CERTIFIED CORRECT:**



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Carolyn Rempel,  
Director of Corporate Services



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Lawrence D. Chernoff,  
Mayor