



COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CASTLEGAR

Regular Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Council of the City of Castlegar held May 19, 2015, 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 Bruno Tassone
Councillor Florio Vassilakakis

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Nil

ALSO PRESENT:

John Malcolm, Chief Administrative Officer
Andre Buss, Director of Finance
Chris Barlow, Director of Transportation and Civic Works
Tracey Butler, Director of Corporate Services
Phil Markin, Director of Development Services
David Bristow, Information Technology Manager
Public and Media

CALL TO ORDER:

There being a quorum present, the Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

**AGENDA:
175-15**

Moved and seconded,
that the agenda be approved as amended by adding under New & Unfinished Business-Council Support of Bike Skills Park.

Carried.

DELEGATIONS:

MS. CAROL
SOMMERVILLE RE:
INTRODUCTION OF
THE MISS
CASTLEGAR
CANDIDATES

Miss Castlegar Candidates for 2015 were in attendance with each candidate making an introductory presentation to Council. Council welcomed Miss Emilie teBulte, Miss Janessa Connell, Miss Adrienne Salmon, Miss Sime Kang, Miss Tyanna Esouloff, Miss Claire Soukochoff, Miss Zoey Chaves, Miss Cheyenne Allen-Kettlewell, Miss Jessica Pinard, Miss Sierra Buchanan, Miss Ashley Fitchett and Miss Darci Moffat. Miss Alyssa Christianson, Miss Tenysa Ross VanMierlo and Miss Emily Postnikoff were unable to attend the Council Meeting.

Council expressed their gratitude to the candidates for their willingness and commitment to being ambassadors for the City of Castlegar. Council presented each of the candidates with a "Castlegar: A Confluence" book. Council expressed their best wishes to all the candidates for the upcoming pageant.

KATHLEEN ELIAS,
EXECUTIVE,
KOOTENAY SOCIETY
FOR COMMUNITY
LIVING

Ms. Kathleen Elias, Executive Director of Kootenay Society for Community Living and Mr. Kane Bentsen, Project Manager, from Bentsen Homes Inc., provided an overview of KSCL board members, mandate and services. The delegation introduced plans for a proposed affordable housing residency in the City of Castlegar. The delegation is requesting Council consideration of a land donation of 3 lots on 8th Avenue.

MINUTES:

176-15
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 4, 2015
MINUTES

Moved and seconded,
that the minutes of the regular meeting held May 4, 2015, be approved
as presented.

Carried.

REPORTS:

AIRPORT:

Nil

**COMMUNITY WELLNES:
& SOCIAL SERVICES:**

177-15
MINUTES

Moved and seconded,
that the draft minutes of the Community Wellness and Social Services
meeting held May 7, 2015, be received for information.

Carried.

**CULTURAL AND CIVIC
PRIDE:**

178-15
MINUTES

Moved and seconded,
that the draft minutes of the Cultural and Civic Pride Committee
meeting held May 11, 2015, be received for information.

Carried.

**FINANCE AND
CORPORATE
SERVICES:**

179-15
MINUTES

Moved and seconded,
that the draft minutes of the Finance and Corporate Service Committee
meeting held on May 12, 2015, be received for information.

Carried.

180-15
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
JANUARY, 2015
FEBRUARY, 2015
MARCH, 2015

Moved and seconded,
that the list of accounts payable for January, 2015, totaling
\$1,991,394.07, covered by cheque numbers 60903 to 61057 inclusive,
the list of accounts payable for February, 2015, totaling \$ 787,596.42,
covered by cheque numbers 61058 to 61262 inclusive and the list of
accounts payable for March, 2015, totaling \$ 512,377.60, covered by
cheque numbers 61263 to 61348 inclusive, be received for information
and recorded in the minutes.

Carried.

181-15
ECONOMIC
PROMOTION
INVEST IN BC
MAGAZINE 2016
(#15-70)

Moved and seconded,
that Council approve the purchase of a ½ page ad in the 2016 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 2016 economic development budget line
item.

Carried.

182-15
ADVERTISING
OPPORTUNITY
ROUTE 3 MAGAZINE
SUMMER 2015
(#15-74)

Moved and seconded,
that Council approve the purchase of a 1/2 page inside cover ad in the
2015, summer edition of the Route 3 magazine to promote the
Castlegar Millennium ponds. The \$1,030 ad cost will be allocated from
the 2015, advertising budget line item.

Carried.

- 183-15
SPONSORSHIP
OPPORTUNITY
AUTOMATED
EXTERNAL
DEFIBRILLATOR
(#15-76)
- Moved and seconded,
that the Mayor is authorized to expend \$675.00 from the Council miscellaneous budget line item in order to partner with the Regional District of Central Kootenay's Area's I and J Directors to acquire an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) for a local school.
- Carried.
- GREEN:**
184-15
MINUTES
- Moved and seconded,
that the draft minutes of the Green Committee meeting held May 7, 2015, be received for information.
- Carried.
- 185-15
GREEN STANDING
COMMITTEE TERMS
OF REFERENCE AND
NAME UPDATE
(#15-71)
- Moved and seconded,
that Council approve the Green Standing Committee name change to the "Sustainability and Technological Initiatives Committee".
- Carried.
- PLANNING AND
DEVELOPMENT:**
186-15
MINUTES
- Moved and seconded,
that the draft minutes of the Planning and Development Committee meeting held May 13, 2015, be received for information.
- Carried.
- 187-15
BUSINESS LICENSE
REPORT - APRIL, 2015
(#15-66)
- Moved and seconded,
that the Business License Report for April, 2015, be received for information.
- Carried.
- 188-15
BUILDING PERMIT
REPORT - APRIL, 2015
(#15-68)
- Moved and seconded,
that the Building Permit Report for April, 2015, be received for information.
- Carried.
- PUBLIC SAFETY:**
189-15
MINUTES
- Moved and seconded,
that the draft minutes of the Public Safety Committee meeting held May 12, 2015, be received for information.
- Carried.
- 190-15
ROYAL CANADIAN
MOUNTED POLICE
CRIME REDUCTION
UNIT REPORT
APRIL, 2015
- Moved and seconded,
that the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Crime Reduction Unit Report for April, 2015, be received for information.
- Carried.
- 191-15
EMERGENCY
SERVICES MONTHLY
REPORT - APRIL, 2015
(#15-77)
- Moved and seconded,
that the Emergency Services Monthly Report for April, 2015, be received for information.
- Carried.

**TRANSPORTATION
AND CIVIC WORKS:**

192-15
MINUTES

Moved and seconded,
that the draft minutes of the Transportation and Civic Works
Committee meeting held May 12, 2015, be received for information.
Carried.

193-15
DISPOSITION OF THE
1990 SONOMA PICK
UP UNIT 1-2 (#15-69)

Moved and seconded,
that Council donate unit 1-2, the 1990 Sonoma Pick-up truck, to the
Stanley Humphries High School Mechanical Program,

and further;

that Council authorize staff to execute the necessary transfer
documentation.

Carried.

194-15
MILLENNIUM PONDS
SERVICE CONTRACT
RECOMMENDATION
FOR AWARD (#15-75)

Moved and seconded,
that Mayor and Council extend the contract for the Millennium Ponds
Service Contract to Family Tree Gardening for the sum of \$44,302.00
plus GST for 2015,

and further;

that Council authorize staff to execute the necessary documents.

Carried.

Councillor Tassone voted opposed to the resolution.

R.D.C.K. REPORT:

Nil

CORRESPONDENCE:

195-15

Moved and seconded,
that the correspondence from Ministry of Transport re: Regarding
correspondence from Canada Post, Union of BC Municipality re: 2015,
Asset Management Planning Program, Grant Approval and Terms &
Conditions, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure re: Highway
3A Bus Pullouts, be received for information.

Carried.

REPORTS OTHER:

Nil

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Chernoff reported on his attendance at the following events and
meetings over the past two weeks:

- Hike for Hospice Event
- McHappy Day
- Doctor Recruitment Meeting
- Green Committee Meeting
- Sculpturewalk Opening Gala
- Lieutenant Governor Visit
- USCC Youth Festival

Letter of appreciation to be sent to the Sculpturewalk Committee.

**NEW & UNFINISHED
BUSINESS:**

196-15
CITY OF CASTLEGAR
BIKE PARK

Moved and seconded
that Council support the Castlegar bike park construction at Millennium
as per the City's Millennium Park Masterplan and Official Community
Plan.

Carried.

197-15
AUTOMATED
EXTERNAL
DEFIBRILLATOR'S

Moved and seconded
that the purchase of Automated External Defibrillator's (AED) for city
hall and the public works building's be referred to the Finance and
Corporate Service Committee.

Carried.

BYLAWS:

198-15
BYLAW 1216
ADOPTION

Moved and seconded,
that Bylaw 1216, 2014 Development Cost Charge Expenditure Bylaw,
be adopted.

Carried.

199-15
BYLAW 1217
ADOPTION

Moved and seconded,
that Bylaw 1217, 2014 Development Reserve Fund Expenditure Bylaw,
be adopted.

Carried.

NOTICE OF MOTION:

Nil

**QUESTION PERIOD:
MR. RUDIGER CLAUSS**

Mr. Rudiger Clauss asked for a copy of the letter from the Ministry of
Transport regarding correspondence from Canada Post. Mr. Clauss
was assured that the letter was not confidential and he was supplied
with the letter included in the Council agenda package of May 19,
2015.

Mr. Clauss requested Council consider a bylaw to regulate tree, shrub
and brush cutting on private property in order to protect wildlife habitat.

Mr. Clauss expressed his opinion on the rainbow cross walk.

MR. KEVIN BLACKMAN

Mr. Kevin Blackman questioned the 2010 tax relief awarded to Zellstoff
Celgar Ltd. and future plans for taxation. Mayor Chernoff assured Mr.
Blackman that Zellstoff Celgar Ltd. will pay their fair share of taxes.

Mr. Blackman encouraged Council to support the efforts of the Trail
S.P.C.A. to find a new location and building. Councillor McIntosh
assured Mr. Blackman that City Council is 100% behind the Trail
S.P.C.A.

MR. CHRIS PAULSON

Mr. Chris Paulson expressed his safety concerns for traffic and
pedestrians on Connors Road due to the bike path. Mr. Paulson's is
concerned with the width of the road and increased train honking
affecting peoples' hearing.

MS. ZOE MACKAY AND
MS. DEZIREE WEISS

Ms. Zoe MacKay, Coordinator for the Castlegar Youth Program, Castlegar Community Services, introduced Ms. Deziree Weiss representing the youth council. Ms. Weiss asked Council if they had heard of or attended any of the events by the youth council and what Council hoped to see for the future of the youth council? Ms. Weiss encouraged Council to work together with the youth council on youth based projects such as a youth centre.

Ms. Weiss invited Council to attend youth council meetings to explore ideas and collaborate. Councillor McIntosh requested Ms. Weiss forward the youth council calendar so that Council could coordinate their schedules. Councillor McIntosh informed the delegation of Council's efforts to engage youth by holding a Council meeting at Stanley Humphries Secondary School (SHSS). The delegation closed by inviting Council to the May 30, 2015 Youth Council event being held in the Kinsmen Park and to youth council meetings held every Wednesday at SHSS. Ms. MacKay invited Council to become part of a proposed board oversight committee.

MR. ALAN PAULSON

Mr. Alan Paulson, Woodland Park resident, expressed his concerns with the Connors Road bike path and concerns with train honking disturbing visitors at hotels and motels. Mayor Chernoff explained the railway is federally regulated. Mr. Paulson asked if Council was aware of how Cranbrook handled their issues with railway noise. Staff explained to Mr. Paulson that the road has not been narrowed due to the bike path.

MS. CHERRYL
MACLEOD

Ms. Cheryl MacLeod voiced her opinion and interpretation of the staff report supporting the renewal of the Millennium Ponds Service Contract. Council and staff explained the budgeting and contracting practices of the City to Ms. MacLeod.

MS. CAROL SHYPITKA

Ms. Carol Shypitka spoke in support of the May 4, 2015 delegation from Men Speaking Out. Ms. Shypitka inquired into the follow up from this delegation. Councillor McIntosh explained that men in domestic disputes are often released to the Castlegar Shelter and that Men Speaking Out is seeking funding to hire a councillor and they are welcome to come back to Council for further support.

MS. CRYSTAL
ASHTON

Ms. Crystal Ashton requested a copy of the comparison report regarding labour costs associated with the Millennium Ponds Service Contract. Staff explained to Ms. Ashton that under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act some information was proprietary but that the City could supply her with the bottom line cost benefit analysis. Ms. Ashton asked if there was any consideration for hiring more city workers rather than contracting out services. Staff explained how the City balances its work force.

MS. LESLIE SHIRLEY Ms. Leslie Shirley inquired as to why the April 7, 2015 supporting documentation and video were not available on the City website. Staff explained that the City had a technical issue with the video, however staff will make sure the supporting documentation is uploaded on the web page.

Ms. Shirley inquired into the Connors Road Multi Use Pathway budget line item of \$50,000. Staff explained this was \$50,000 allocated each year in support of the City's Pedestrian Cycling Masterplan implementation.

Ms. Shirley asked if her neighbourhood would be getting flower pots. Councillor McIntosh will follow up with Community in Blooms.

MR. JOHN SHIRLEY Mr. John Shirley inquired into the status of the well upgrade project at the airport to supply the Ministry of Forest with water for forest fire fighting. Council informed Mr. Shirley that this project was complete. Mr. Shirley expressed his concerns if for some reason the well was unable to produce sufficient flow and the effect this would have on the City's potable water.

NEXT MEETINGS: Regular Meeting, June 1, 2015, 7:00 p.m. at the Community Forum, 445 – 13th Avenue, Castlegar, B.C.

NOTICE OF MOTION: Nil

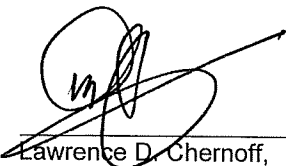
ADJOURNMENT: Moved and seconded,
200-15 that the meeting adjourn at 8:46 p.m.

Carried.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



Tracey Butler
Director of Corporate Services



Lawrence D. Chernoff,
Mayor