

Regular Meeting Minutes of Council May 20, 2025

Regular Meeting Minutes of the City of Castlegar Council held by Zoom live meeting and available to the public for live streaming in Council Chambers at the Community Forum, 445 13th Avenue, Castlegar, B.C., commenced at 3:00 p.m. for Committee of the Whole, immediately followed by a Closed Meeting of Council and reconvened at 7:00 p.m. for Regular Council proceedings.

Members Mayor Maria McFaddin
Present Councillor Darcy Bell arrived at 3:08 p.m.
 Councillor Brian Bogle
 Councillor Shirley Falstead
 Councillor Sue Heaton-Sherstobitoff
 Councillor Cheryl MacLeod

Absent Councillor Sandy Bojecho

Staff
Present Chris Barlow, Chief Administrative Officer
 Chris Hallam, Director of Municipal Services
 Nick Ahlefeld, Acting Fire Chief
 David Bristow, IT Manager
 Nicole Brown, Manager of Legislative Services
 Jennifer Chamberlain, Executive Assistant
 Maciej Habrych, Airport Manager (via Zoom)
 Deanna Hooper, Acting Operations Manager
 Ryan Niddery, Manager of Engineering and Infrastructure
 Kelly Robertson, Acting Manager of Finance
 Monty Taylor, RCMP Sergeant

Other Public and Media

1 CALL TO ORDER: Mayor McFaddin called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

2 ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

R115-25 Moved and seconded, and
 RESOLVED:

 THAT the agenda for the Regular Council Meeting of May 20, 2025, be adopted.

 CARRIED.

3 RESOLUTION TO RESOLVE INTO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:

R116-25 Moved and seconded, and
 RESOLVED: THAT Council now resolve itself into Committee of the Whole.

 CARRIED.

4 DELEGATION:

Darlene Kalawsky, on behalf of Communities in Bloom, provided Council with a presentation re: the Bloom Themed Art for 2025 and Kid's Chalk Art. Highlights of the discussion include:

- Concepts for a mural on Sherbiko Hill, and the potential positive outcomes.
- Edible Gardening is the theme for 2025.
- CIB presented two designs for the mural and is looking for approval from Council to proceed with the project.
- A professional artist would be commissioned to complete the mural and is willing to fix any potential future vandalism.

- CIB would like to have the project complete prior to the judging in July.
- Chalk Art event in Spirit Square during Sunfest, Council directed CIB to submit the park use permit application to staff for processing.

5 COMMUNITY WELLNESS SAFETY & DEVELOPMENT (Councillor Bell, Chair)

(a) COUNCIL COMMITTEE LIAISON VERBAL UPDATE.

- Councillor Heaton-Sherstobitoff attended the Castlegar Integrated Collaborative Meeting.

(b) FIRE DEPARTMENT VERBAL UPDATE

- Year to date the department has responded to 386 calls for service.
- Update on landscape fire on May 15, 2025. Thanks to the Water and Treatment Plant Departments at Civic Works for assistance.

(c) Emergency Services Monthly Report – April 2025

COW045-25

RECOMMENDATION: Council consider and resolve to receive for information:

- Emergency Services Monthly Report – April 2025

CARRIED.

(d) RCMP DETACHMENT VERBAL UPDATE

- Sixteen of sixteen officers currently, one open position in the clerical department.
- Call volume is currently approximately 100 calls for service.

(e) WEST KOOTENAY REGIONAL AIRPORT VERBAL UPDATE

- Prepping for spring and summer season.
- Hosting Castlegar Air Cadets annual parade at the Airport.

(f) COMMUNITY SAFETY AND DEVELOPMENT VERBAL UPDATE.

- Nil

(g) Building Permit and Business Licence Reports – April 2025

COW046-25

RECOMMENDATION: Council consider and resolve to receive for information:

- Building Permit Report – April 2025
- Business Licence Report – April 2025

CARRIED.

6 CULTURAL & CIVIC PRIDE (Councillor Heaton-Sherstobitoff, Chair)

(a) COUNCIL COMMITTEE LIAISON VERBAL UPDATE

- SculptureWalk annual gala held on Saturday.
- Sunfest Society meeting next Thursday.
- Embetsu Educational Exchange – students going to Embetsu this Summer.
- Canada Day sponsorship update.

7 FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES (Councillor Bogle, Chair)

(a) Finance and Corporate Services Community Liaison Verbal Update

- Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting this week.

(b) Corporate Services Verbal Update

- Nil

(c) **Finance Department Verbal Update**

- Property tax notices have been mailed.
- Property tax is due July 2.

(d) **IT Department Verbal Update**

- May 5, 2025 Committee of the Whole Meeting had 23 views and the Regular Meeting had 19 views.
- Update on the services Sea to Sky is providing the City.

8 MUNICIPAL SERVICES (Councillor MacLeod, Chair)

(a) Municipal Services Department Verbal Update

- Road grading and street sweeping.
- Road line painting going until the end of the month.
- Working on parks maintenance.
- Millennium Ponds scheduled to open Friday, May 30.
- Update on fleet maintenance and facilities.
- Completed some new service installs.
- Update on repairs and maintenance.
- Geotube cleaning almost complete.
- Millennium Ponds algae being investigated.
- Update on 2025 paving plan.
- Traffic loop at Columbia Avenue and 3rd Street concerns have been reviewed and addressed.

(b) Invitation to Tender 25-11 SCADA Upgrades – Recommendation for Award (Report No. 25-46)

Report from the Manager of Engineering & Infrastructure to seek Council authorization to award Invitation to Tender (ITT) 25-11 SCADA Upgrades to Arrowtech Electric Ltd. in the amount of \$67,200 plus applicable taxes.

COW047-25

RECOMMENDATION: Council consider and resolve:

THAT Council award Invitation to Tender 25-11 SCADA Upgrades to Arrowtech Electric Ltd. in the amount of \$67,200 plus applicable taxes,

AND FURTHER;

THAT Council direct staff to execute the necessary documents

CARRIED.

9 QUESTION PERIOD:

John Sokolowsky inquired about the Sunfest Event and potential Provincial Fire Ban and how that affects the Fireworks show.

10 RESOLUTION TO RISE FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:

R117-25

Moved and seconded, and

RESOLVED: THAT Council rise from Committee of the Whole.

CARRIED.

11 RESOLUTION TO RECESS THE PUBLIC MEETING UNTIL 7:00 P.M.

R118-25

Moved and seconded, and
RESOLVED:

THAT pursuant to Section 90 of the *Community Charter*, the public be excluded from this portion of the meeting as the subject matter being considered relates to the following:

- ***Community Charter Section 90(1)(L)***
Discussions with municipal officers and employees respecting municipal objectives, measures and progress reports for the purposes of preparing an annual report under section 98 [annual municipal report].
- ***Community Charter Section 90(2)(B)***
The consideration of information received and held in confidence relating to negotiations between the municipality and a provincial government or the federal government or both, or between a provincial government or the federal government or both and a third party.

AND FURTHER;

THAT the public portion of the meeting be recessed until 7:00 p.m.,

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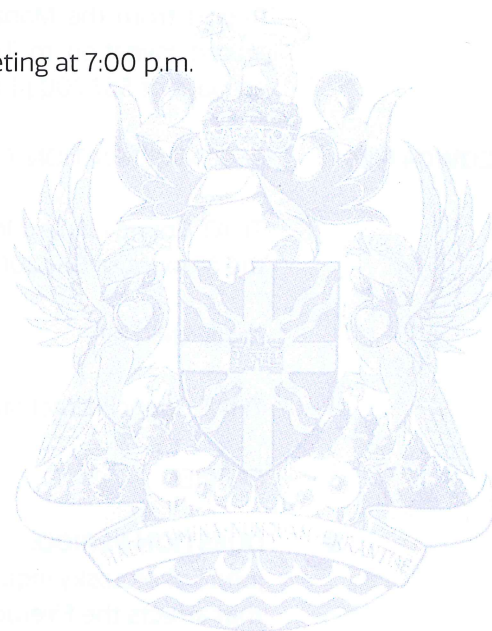
THAT Council immediately resolve into the closed portion of their meeting.

CARRIED.

The meeting recessed at 3:53 p.m.

12 RECONVENE: Mayor McFaddin reconvened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present	Mayor Maria McFaddin Councillor Darcy Bell Councillor Brian Bogle Councillor Shirley Falstead Councillor Sue Heaton-Sherstobitoff Councillor Cherryl MacLeod
Absent	Councillor Sandy Bojecho
Staff Present	Chris Barlow, Chief Administrative Officer Chris Hallam, Director of Municipal Services David Bristow, IT Manager Nicole Brown, Manager of Legislative Services
Other	Public and Media



13 DELEGATION:

- (a) Carol Sommerville on behalf of the Castlegar Queen Committee, introduced the 2025 Miss Castlegar Candidates. Pageant night is June 6, 2025. The 2025 Candidates are:
- Kira Streloff, Miss Sunlife.
 - Soyun Lee, Miss Wests Fashion.
 - Emily Peck, Miss Rotary/Sunrise Rotary.
 - Lauren Lafreniere, Miss Royal Canadian Legion.

14 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:

R119-25

Moved and seconded, and
RESOLVED:

THAT the following Minutes be adopted as presented:

- Regular Meeting Minutes – May 5, 2025
- Special Meeting Minutes – May 8, 2025

CARRIED.

15 RESOLUTION TO ADOPT RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:

The following resolutions were recommended at the May 5, 2025, Committee of the Whole Meeting and are presented for consideration of adoption by Council:

R120-25

Moved and seconded, and
RESOLVED:

THAT the following items considered and received for information at the May 5, 2025 Committee of the Whole meeting, be adopted:

- Castlegar & District Public Library Regular Meeting Minutes – February 12, 2025
- Building Permit Report – March 2025
- Business Licence Report – March 2025

CARRIED.

16 REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY (RDCK) MEETING MINUTES: Nil

17 CORRESPONDENCE:

Council discussed the correspondence from John Tweedy regarding his inquiries on a paving program for the City of Castlegar. The Mayor has responded directly to Mr. Tweedy.

18 REPORTS OTHER:

(a) Recreation Commission Member Verbal Update

Nil

(b) Councillor Bogle's Report on AKBLG Convention Attendance

- Councillor Bogle provided a review of his attendance at the annual AKBLG Conference April 25-27, 2025.

19 MAYOR'S REPORT

(a) 2025 City of Castlegar Employee Long Services Awards were presented on May 14, 2025 to the following:

- Anne Simonen and Meeri Durand for 5 years of service.
- Kurt Thomson for 10 years of service.
- Laura Sheppard for 20 years of service.

20 NEW & UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Nil

21 BYLAWS FOR CONSIDERATION: Nil

22 NEXT MEETING(S):

June 9, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. for Committee of the Whole Meeting followed by the Regular Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom live meeting and available to the public for live streaming in Council Chambers at the Community Forum, 445 13th Avenue, Castlegar, B.C.

23 NOTICE OF MOTION: Nil

24 QUESTION PERIOD:

Daniel Bosse inquired about the following:

- Eremenko building demolition update.
- The light at Columbia Avenue and 3rd Street.
- Sight lines concern turning onto Columbia Avenue and 2nd Street.
- What is the intention for the existing compost at the yard waste facility.
- No place to recycle used antifreeze and oil in Castlegar.
- Can the RDCK increase the free period for the disposal of yard waste at the Ootischenia landfill.
- Concerns regarding the tax increase for residential and commercial.
- Columbia Avenue traffic study and concern with 17th Avenue.

25 ADJOURNMENT:

R121-25

Moved and seconded, and
RESOLVED: THAT the Regular meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED.

The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



Nicole Brown
Manager of Legislative Services



Maria McFaddin
Mayor

